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## 1. Factories

In the immediate environs of Sverdlovsk an important factory for the construction of tanks and bombs is being erected. The principal characteristics of this factory are the following:

- a. Surface area: 20 square km.
- b. Laborers: 48,000 workers divided into three 8-hour shifts. Among the workers are Italians, British, Americans, Poles, Russians from the Vlassov army, and several hundred Belgians.
- c. Monthly production: 30 Stalin tanks.
- d. Equipment: 50 tanks made from salvaged German equipment. Very modern and made up for the most part of American and German machines.
- e. The factory's electric plant also supplies the town of Sverdlovsk.

## 2. Transportation

- a. By rail: The Moscow-Vladivostok line passes near the factory. This line, at least in this particular region, is double track and in July 1946 was in the process of being electrified. The Sverdlovsk station is of prime importance and has approximately fifty tracks.
- b. By road: The Moscow-Vladivostok highway passes within several hundred meters of the tank repair shops. The traffic is intense. Many American and even more German trucks pass, all in good condition.
- c. The railway and highway bridges have military guards.

### 3. Garrisons

- a. Near the factory and town are eight barracks housing 30,000 to 50,000 special tank troops. Instruction is given by former German officers and Russian officers, all of whom have received political instruction at Moscow. The discipline is as strict as in the German army.

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b. Large garages are laid out underneath the barracks, where electrical equipment (telephones, radios, etc.) is stored. Access to these garages is camouflaged by screens covered with greenery. Maintenance and repair shops for the tanks form a small city made up of little houses. The repair shops are protected by barrage balloons. The only gasoline depot is underneath the repair shops and contains about 500,000 liters. Theft of gasoline is severely punished. The depot is guarded by armed Russian civilians.

#### 4. Camps

Deported Germans, Hungarians, Austrians, and Romanians are held in eight camps situated around Sverdlovsk. Entry to these camps is strictly forbidden under pain of death. The population of the various camps near Sverdlovsk is estimated at about 150,000 men. These camps are surrounded by electrified barbed wire. There are said to be some Belgians detained there for having refused to work.

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